

You can ride the MBTA trolley lines, MBTA buses, the Brookline Elderbus, or take a taxi to reach the commercial districts from most areas of Brookline. If you must drive your own car, public parking is available at parking meters located on-street and in a limited number of off-street parking lots.

Meter Locations

Parking meters are located on-street and off-street in the vicinity of the following commercial areas:

[Click here for a PDF map of Town Parking lots](#)

Brookline Village

Coolidge Corner

St. Mary/Lower Beacon Street

Chestnut Hill/Putterham

JFK Crossing Washington Square

Meter Facts

Meter rates are in effect Monday through Saturday, from 8 AM through 6 PM. Parking at meters is free on Sunday and all holidays.

To minimize your chances of being ticketed for a meter violation, you should park in a parking space with an appropriate time limit for your anticipated length of stay. As a general rule, parking spaces located curbside on streets in front of most stores allow for parking up to 2 hours. These parking meters are identified by a yellow band visible on the meter post. Parking meters located in off-street parking lots allow for parking up to 3 hours. All 3-hour meters are identified by a red band positioned at the top of the meter post. There are also limited locations where parking for up to 5 or 10 hours is allowed. 5-hour meters are identified by a blue band, while 10-hour meters are identified by a green band on the meter posts. Please park within the delineated spaces, and avoid parking in handicapped parking spaces, loading zones, or taxicab stands. The Brookline Police routinely patrol the commercial area for violators of all town parking regulations.

Reporting Meter Problems

The DPW Transportation Division works with the DPW Highway Division and Police Traffic Division to maintain and repair all Town parking meters. If you should notice a parking meter that has been vandalized, or is currently malfunctioning, please report the problem during a week day to the Brookline Police Department, Traffic Division, at (617)730-2230. During the weekend please report the DPW Highway Division at (617) 646-2700. When reporting a meter problem please provide the meter location and identification number.

Park Cards

What is the Brookline ParkCard?

The Brookline ParkCard is a reprogrammable card that provides a convenient and cashless way to pay for parking at the electronic meters operated by the Town. The card can be carried in your wallet or stored in your vehicle, eliminating the need to carry change for the meters. [Click here for a brochure on the program, how it works, and where to purchase the ParkCard.](#)

Where can I purchase a new ParkCard? Where can I add value to an existing ParkCard?

DUE TO CHANGES IN THE CARD DESIGN BY THE MANUFACTURER, NEW BROOKLINE PARKCARDS CANNOT BE ISSUED. ONCE OUR METER TECHNOLOGY IS UPGRADED TO ACCOMMODATE THE NEW CHIPS WE WILL BEGIN SELLING THE CARDS ONCE AGAIN. Currently you may add value to your existing ParkCard at the Transportation Division office using cash or check. The office is located on the 4th floor of Town Hall 333 Washington Street, Brookline MA. Our office hours are Monday through Thursday 8am - 5pm and Friday 8am - 12:30pm.

Does my ParkCard expire after a specified amount of time?

No. Because you can re-use the ParkCard as many times as you like, you can use it for as long as there is parking value on the card. Your parking habits will determine how frequently you use your ParkCard and how long you possess one.

What if my ParkCard is lost, stolen or damaged?

Unfortunately, a lost or stolen ParkCard cannot be replaced because the Town of Brookline has no way of knowing the value left on the ParkCard, or whether it is being used by someone else. The ParkCard is just like money and should be treated that way. It does not guarantee you a parking space, nor does it allow you to park longer than the maximum time allowed at the meter.

Your ParkCard is very durable and can withstand considerable heat, cold and moisture. The card is also unaffected by magnetic or x-ray exposures which would exist at airport security checkpoints. Since normal usage should not affect your ParkCard, no refunds will be issued if it becomes damaged and unusable.

Where can I use the ParkCard?

The ParkCard can be used at any of the over 2500 electronic parking meters located throughout the Town of Brookline.

Can I get a receipt when I purchase ParkCard time?

Yes, the ParkCard transaction station will issue you a receipt for your transaction.

What if my ParkCard runs out?

Your ParkCard is valid until all of its credit has been used up. To add more value, simply return to the Transportation Division located on the 4th floor of Town Hall 333 Washington Street, Brookline MA. Our office hours are Monday through Thursday 8am - 5pm and Friday 8am - 12:30pm.

What is the cost for metered parking?

The cost of parking at meters in the Town of Brookline is generally 75 cents per hour, although it may vary somewhat by location. The hourly rate for parking, as well as the maximum time allowed at each meter, is indicated on a plate visible inside each meter. If for some reason your ParkCard does not work at a particular meter, you should pay the meter fee with coins or go to another meter. A ParkCard that fails cannot be used as an excuse for not paying the meter fee.

How does the ParkCard work at the meter?

Insert the ParkCard into the meter with the chip side up.

The meter will flash the value of the card four times before it begins deducting.

On the fifth flash, the meter will begin deducting value from the card in decrements of 25 cents. When you reach the desired amount, or the maximum time limit allowed at the meter, quickly remove the card.

Can I use the ParkCard with coins at a meter?

Yes. The ParkCard can be used in combination with American nickels, dimes, and quarters. Canadian coins are not accepted.

Can I get a refund if I put too much time on the meter with the ParkCard?

Yes, you can get a refund for the unused time on the meter. After 1 minute passes on the meter, time can be retrieved and the value of that time credited to your ParkCard. To obtain the refund, simply re-insert your card into the meter. The cash value of the card will immediately flash 4 times and a flat line will appear. The fifth flash activates the refund option and will indicate the new value on the card (the old value plus the refunded meter value). Again, immediately remove the card after the fifth flash. If left in the meter, the ParkCard will either begin to add time again or cause a meter error reading. Needless to say, you cannot get a refund on your ParkCard from a meter that had time placed on it by another ParkCard.

Important: It is illegal to park at a malfunctioning meter. If you encounter any problem when using your ParkCard at a parking meter, please:

Note the number of the meter

Note the location of the meter (e.g., street, area)

Call the Police Department, Traffic Division at (617) 730-2230

Parking Tickets

If you receive a parking ticket and you're not sure what to do, refer to our [Parking Ticket](#) page.